

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND HOWARD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

RAKE AND TAKE PROGRAM

Too many leaves for your compost bin?



As a convenient alternative to recycling leaves at the Howard County Landfill Rake and Take matches

Rakers

-Residents who will rake and bag their leaves with

Takers

-Residents who want leaves for composting or mulching

-Master Gardener volunteers who will collect leaves for use at four compost demonstration sites maintained by the University of Maryland Extension Howard County Master Gardeners

For more information about **composting and demonstrations sites:**

<http://mastergardener.umd.edu/local/howard/Community%20Act/Composting.cfm>

How the Program Works

- ◆ Rakers and Takers register annually with the University of Maryland Extension Howard County Master Gardeners and indicate how many bags of leaves are available/desired.
- ◆ The Rake and Take Coordinator, a Master Gardener volunteer, will maintain a database of Rakers and Takers who want to participate and will match Rakers with Takers.
- ◆ The Coordinator will make connections by telephone or e-mail.
- ◆ Rakers will bag leaves in 30-gallon bags with ties and place the bags at curbside.
 - Each bag should not exceed 20 pounds.
 - **Leaves cannot contain any herbicides or other chemical residue.**
- Takers will pick up the bags and distribute materials for composting.



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